



# Protecting Communities and the Environment: Fuels Management Conference

## Communities at Risk Issue # 1

Issue Statement (re-state and clarify issue):

At times Federal, State and Tribal agencies have not been effectively collaborating with communities in plans development. Mitigation plans need to be developed and treatments implemented on a priority basis according to the interagency MOU.

Recommendation(s) (what should be done; who would do it; what is the timeline):

- a. Categorize impacted communities (High, Medium, Low,) on an interagency collaborative basis.
- b. Funding may be directed during the collaborative prioritized process to communities that have mitigation plans.
- c. Prioritize projects at the multi state, state or local level.

Rationale (discuss reasons for recommendations):

Working together will facilitate the need to develop plans.

Related Issues: None

### PRIORITIZATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Priority #1

The categorization of the impacted communities is being accomplished on a multi state, state and local level.

#### Priority #2

Funding of projects under an interagency review process will direct funding to the highest priority.

## Issue Statement #2

- There is perceived perception that the public is confused due to the various grant programs available to the states/cooperators. States/cooperators have different fiscal years and that don't correspond to the federal system. This information needs to be to users in a timely consolidated manner.

- Matching funding is different between agencies and this is confusing. The matching funds required maybe 50/50, 90/10, etc. Also states have restrictions on how much funding and the workload they can accomplish.

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- 2.The system that is used needs to be flexible to facilitate the various state requirements.

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